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## **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION'S REBUILD COLORADO PROGRAM AWARDS GRANTS FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE DESIGN**

**DENVER, CO May 25, 2004** –Rebuild Colorado, a program of the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation (OEMC), awarded twelve grants, of \$10,000 to \$25,000 each, to help state and local governments design energy-efficient, environmentally sensitive buildings, without expanding their design-construction budgets. The goal of the Rebuild Colorado grants is to promote high performance design, which can yield better, more cost-effective buildings by employing a teamwork approach and innovative strategies in the design process.

"Colorado communities are struggling to meet the increased demand for new public buildings or to make necessary improvements to existing ones. Rising energy costs are also a growing burden on these communities' limited funds," said Linda Smith, senior program manager of Rebuild Colorado. "An investment in high performance design helps communities provide energy-efficient, productive and comfortable spaces, even with tight budgets. Rebuild Colorado is very pleased to see these communities realize the benefits of better buildings and serve as examples for other Colorado communities to follow."

The twelve grantees will use the funding to incorporate the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) rating system into their building design. LEED™ provides a framework for high performance design that considers sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.

Incorporating high performance design into buildings brings potential long-term benefits through energy savings and increased overall comfort. These buildings experience lower utility bills for the lifetime of the building. Also, the buildings have improved indoor air quality, more comfortable interiors, a more productive environment, and reduced environmental impact.

High performance improves buildings' environments through better lighting systems, optimized control of interior temperatures, and improved indoor air quality as well as with the use of daylighting, natural ventilation, and well-placed windows. Environmental impacts will be minimized with reduced energy use and associated pollution and use of environmentally sensitive and non-toxic interior materials. These factors allow a building's occupants to be more productive, often leading to reduced absenteeism and increased performance.

### **The 2003-2004 High Performance Design Grant Recipients:**

- **Academy of Charter Schools** for construction of a 135,000 square foot K-12 school in Westminster. The school will be located at 120th Avenue and Lowell in Westminster. *Contact: Robert Hughes, Director of Development, [robert.hughes@state.co.us](mailto:robert.hughes@state.co.us), 303-289-8088 ext. 302*
- **Children's Museum of Durango**, in collaboration with the City of Durango for a hands-on energy and science museum, including renovation of a historic 1893 powerhouse and construction of a 14,000 square foot addition. *Contact: Jama Kolosick, [jama@frontier.net](mailto:jama@frontier.net), 970-259-5753*
- **Cheyenne Mountain School District** for an 84,000 square feet junior high school, for the addition of six new science labs, a new gymnasium, significant remodeling of the existing structure. *Contact: Walt Cooper, Assistant Superintendent, [waltcooper@aol.com](mailto:waltcooper@aol.com), 719-683-2700*

- **Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE)** for construction of a 40,000 square foot office addition at 251 East 12th Avenue, in Denver. *Contact: Lance Shepherd, [lance.shepherd@state.co.us](mailto:lance.shepherd@state.co.us), 303-866-3450*
- **Denver Zoological Foundation** for a new 10-acre Asian Tropics Exhibit to house endangered Asian elephants, Malayan tapir and other species. *Contact: Craig Piper, Vice President, [cpiper@denverzoo.org](mailto:cpiper@denverzoo.org), 303-376-4881*
- **Ouray County School District** for construction of a 43,000 square foot middle/high school and the renovation of an existing 75,000 square foot facility into an elementary school, in Ridgway. *Contact: Douglas Bissonette, Superintendent, [dbissonette@ridgway.k12.co.us](mailto:dbissonette@ridgway.k12.co.us), 970-626-4320*
- **Peyton School District** for construction of a new high school in the town of Peyton in El Paso County. *Contact: Tim Kistler, Superintendent, [kistlertsk@aol.com](mailto:kistlertsk@aol.com), 719-749-2330*
- **Town of Snowmass** for a new 15,000 square foot town hall. *Contact: Carey Shanks, Economic Resources Director, [cshanks@tosv.com](mailto:cshanks@tosv.com), 970-923-3777*
- **University of Colorado at Boulder** for a new 160,000 square foot School of Law. *Contact: Moe Tabrizi, Resource Conservation Officer, [tabrizi@colorado.edu](mailto:tabrizi@colorado.edu), 303-492-1425*
- **University of Colorado at Colorado Springs** for a new 146,000 square foot Science and Engineering Building. *Contact: Pam Shockley-Zalabak, Chancellor, 719-262-3436, [ahcordov@uccs.edu](mailto:ahcordov@uccs.edu)*
- **West End School District** for new facilities and/or renovation of existing 135,000 square foot facilities to house the 400 students in the towns of Nucla and Naturita in western Colorado. *Contact: Duane Denny, Superintendent, [duane\\_denny@westendschools.org](mailto:duane_denny@westendschools.org), 970-865-2290*
- **Weld County RE-5J School District** for a new elementary prototype school and several remodel projects. *Contact: Marty Foster, Superintendent, 970-587-6050, [mfoster@weldre5j.k12.co.us](mailto:mfoster@weldre5j.k12.co.us)*

#### **About Rebuild Colorado**

OEMC developed the Rebuild Colorado to help building owners identify and assess energy-saving projects in buildings, and then to capitalize on these savings. Rebuild Colorado is the state program of and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's Rebuild America Program. Rebuild Colorado provides free services to public buildings including: school districts, state agencies, higher education, cities, counties, hospitals, and multi-family buildings. Learn more about Rebuild Colorado online at [www.colorado.gov/rebuildco](http://www.colorado.gov/rebuildco). Contact Rebuild Colorado at [rebuildco@state.co.us](mailto:rebuildco@state.co.us) or call Linda Smith at 303-894-2383 or 1-800-632-6662.